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SUBJ: JUNE 7 BLACKMARKETING RAID CASES

REF: ADANA 263 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. HEARINGS CONTINUE OF AMCITS AND TURKISH NATIONALS ACCUSED OF BLACKMARKETING. HEARINGS WERE HELD ON OCT 15 AND NOV 7 FOR SGT CHARLES EGGESTON (IN ABSENTIA); ON OCT 24 FOR SGT CORNELIUS EDWARDS; ON OCT 24 FOR SGT AND MRS GEORGE DURAN AND LT NABIL GHANI (THE LAST IN ABSENTIA); AND ON NOV 7 FOR SGT AND MRS BELTON JOHNSON, SGT JOHN REEVES, SGT PAUL MARCILLE, AND BOEING EMPLOYEE ROBERT DUMOND.

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PRINCIPAL ITEM OF NOTE WAS NOV 7 COURT DECISION TO ALLOW REEVES AND MARCILLE TO DEPART TURKEY FOR FOUR MONTHS UNDER BAIL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN OCT 15 EGGLESTON HEARING, A NEW SUBSTITUTE JUDGE ASKED FOR TIME TO REVIEW THE FILE. IN NOV 7 HEARING, THE COURT ASKED FOR MEDICAL OPINION OF CLAIM BY EGGLESTON'S TURKISH CIDEFENDANT THAT WHISKEY FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION WAS FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES (FOR "DAMAR HASTALIGI"). NEXT HEARING IS DEC 9.

3. ON OCT 24, A HEARING WAS HELD IN THE CASE OF SGT
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AND MRS GEORGE DURAN AND LT NABIL GHANI. TESTIMONY WAS

TAKEN CONCERNING CHARGES AGAINST A TURKISH CODEFENDANT.
AN EXPERT WITNESS WAS CALLED TO TESTIFY CONCERNING THE
CONFISCATED GOODS. NEXT HEARING IS DEC 4.
5. IN NOV 7 A HEARING WAS HELD IN THE CASE AGAINST SGT AND
MRS JOHNSON, SGT REEVES, SGT MARCILLE, AND ROBERT DUMOND.

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REEVES AND MARCILLE FAILED TO APPEAR. TESTIMONY WAS TAKEN
THAT NONE OF THE AMERICAN DEFENDANTS HAD PRIOR ARREST RECORDS.
DEFENSE ATTORNEY MENZILETOGLU OBTAINED FOR REEVES AND MARCILLE
THE RIGHT TO LEAVE TURKEY FOR FOUR MONTHS UPON DEPOSIT OF
10,000TL BAIL. AN ATTORNEY FOR TURKISH DEFENDANTS REQUESTED
THE RELEASE OF HIS CLIENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AMERICAN DEFENDANTS
BEING AT LIBERTY. THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED. A HURRIYET
CORRESPONDENT/PHOTOGRAPHER ATTENDED THE PROCEEDINGS. DEC 30
IS THE NEXT HEARING DATE.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE UNHURRIED PACE, DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
BLACKMARKETING CASES DOES NOT SEEM UNFAVORABLE TO AMCIT
DEFENDANTS. A POLITE AND LOW PROFILE IN COURT BY BOTH AMCITS
AND THEIR ATTORNEYS HAS SHIFTED ATTENTION OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS,
PRESS, AND PUBLIC TO TURKISH NATIONALS CHARGED WITH THESE
OFFENSES.

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